

Amendment "A"

The claims:

Please cancel claims 9-20, without prejudice, amend claim 3, and add new claims 21-26. The state of the claims ("Claims listing") following this Amendment "A" is as follows:

Claim 1 (original). An electronic transaction recording system for accumulating data from a printer device, the system comprising:

a billing manager which manages the billing polices for the printer device;

a billing system which accumulates information on the occurrence of predetermined events and generates an accounting of usage based on the accumulated information and associates the accounting of usage with a predetermined unit of usage;

at least one database for storing a user's account information in terms of the predetermined unit of usage; and

wherein the billing system periodically updates the user's account information and issues an accounting of costs to the user.

Claim 2 (original). The system of claim 1, wherein the predetermined unit of usage is a token.

Claim 3 (currently amended). The system of claim 1, wherein the billing manager includes an apparatus for associating a predetermined number of tokens for each predetermined event and receiving from the each-printer device the total number of predetermined events that took place at the each-printer device and determining the token charge and assigning the token charge to an account.

1 Claim 4 (original). The system of claim 1, further comprising a billing policies  
2 database, which includes billing policies for the printer device such that the printer  
3 device uses at least one billing policy to determine the cost of each operation, performed  
4 on the printer device.

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6 Claim 5 (original). The system of claim 1, further comprising a mobile access unit  
7 coupled to the billing manager.

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9 Claim 6 (original). The system of claim 5, wherein the mobile access unit is selected  
10 from the group consisting of a personal digital assistant, a wireless telephone and a  
11 mobile computer.

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13 Claim 7 (original). The system of claim 1, further comprising a user configuration unit  
14 coupled to the billing policies database for updating and configuring billing policies for  
15 new users.

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17 Claim 8 (original). The system of claim 1, wherein the billing system is selected from a  
18 back office billing system and an Internet Settlement Model.

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20 Claims 9-20 (cancelled).

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22 Claim 21 (new). The system of claim 1, and further comprising:  
23 a mobile access unit containing content which is to be printed; and  
24 wherein:  
25 the system further comprises a plurality of printer devices connected over a  
network, wherein each printer device can receive the content from the mobile access  
unit and print the content in response to a authorization process;

1 the billing manager is coupled to each printer device and the mobile access unit  
2 for determining the amount of printer usage and associating a predetermined amount of  
3 token values with the costs of printing; and

4 the billing system further maintains accounting records of user and associating  
5 user account information with the value of the tokens and storing account information in  
6 an account records database.

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8 Claim 22 (new). The system of claim 21, further comprising a billing policies  
9 database, which includes billing policies for the printer devices such that the each printer  
10 device uses at least one billing policy to determine the cost of each operation, performed  
11 on the printer.

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13 Claim 23 (new). The system of claim 21, wherein the mobile access unit is a  
14 personal digital assistant, wireless telephone, mobile computer.

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16 Claim 24 (new). The system of claim 22, wherein the mobile access unit transmits  
17 using a wireless link.

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19 Claim 25 (new). The system of claim 21, further comprising a user configuration unit  
20 coupled to the billing polices database for updating and configuring billing polices for  
21 new users.

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23 Claim 26 (new). The system of claim 21, wherein the billing system can be either a  
24 back office billing system or an Internet Settlement Model.

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(End of Amendment "A")